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Unemployment Rates Show Slight Increase in half of Metro Areas

Job Growth Remains Sluggish

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Sept. 2016	Sept. 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.1%	4.6%	0.5
Carbondale-Marion	6.0%	5.7%	0.3
Champaign-Urbana	4.9%	4.8%	0.1
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.2%	5.1%	0.1
Danville	7.2%	6.9%	0.3
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.9%	5.1%	0.8
Decatur	6.7%	6.7%	-0-
Elgin	5.2%	5.3%	-0.1
Kankakee	6.2%	6.3%	-0.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.8%	4.8%	-0-
Peoria	6.4%	6.0%	0.4
Rockford	6.6%	6.7%	-0.1
Springfield	4.8%	4.9%	-0.1
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	5.8%	-0.1
Illinois Statewide	5.4%	5.3%	0.1

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO—This month, seven of Illinois' metropolitan (metro) areas experienced increases in their over-the-year unemployment rate and eight of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

"The state is still experiencing not nearly enough growth," said IDES Director Jeff Mays. "While the unemployment rate is slightly increased from a year ago, it's not nearly enough growth as we continue to lose ground to other parts of the country."

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Rockford (+1.7 percent, +2,600), Champaign-Urbana (+1.5 percent, +1,700), Elgin (+1.4 percent, +3,700), and Lake-Kenosha (+1.4 percent, +5,800). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.1 percent or +40,300). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including Carbondale-Marion (-3.4 percent, -2,000), Bloomington (-2.4 percent, -2,300), and the Quad Cities (-2.3 percent, -4,300). The industry sectors recording job growth in the

majority of metro areas were: Education and Health Services (10 of 14), and Other Services (nine of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares September 2016 with September 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.4 percent in September 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in September 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – September 2016

Metropolitan Area	Sept. 2016*	Sept. 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,700	96,000	-2,300
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,500	58,500	-2,000
Champaign-Urbana MSA	112,100	110,400	1,700
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,715,200	3,674,900	40,300
Danville MSA	29,200	29,400	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	180,000	184,300	-4,300
Decatur MSA	51,500	52,000	-500
Elgin Metro Division	262,000	258,300	3,700
Kankakee MSA	45,500	45,400	100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	417,600	411,800	5,800
Peoria MSA	176,700	179,000	-2,300
Rockford MSA	155,900	153,300	2,600
Springfield MSA	115,600	114,500	1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,100	237,300	1,800
Illinois Statewide	6,051,600	6,008,900	42,700

*Preliminary **Revised

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

	Sept. 2016	Sept. 2015	Over-the- year Change
IL Section of St. Louis	5.7%	5.8%	-0.1%
Bond	4.9%	4.9%	0.0%
Calhoun	5.8%	6.5%	-0.7%
Clinton	4.3%	4.2%	+0.1%
Jersey	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3%
Macoupin	5.6%	5.9%	-0.3%
Madison	5.9%	5.8%	+0.1%
Monroe	3.9%	4.1%	-0.2%
St. Clair	6.1%	6.4%	-0.3%
Cities:			
Alton	8.1%	8.1%	0.0%
Belleville	6.3%	6.7%	-0.4%
Collinsville	5.8%	5.7%	+0.1%
East St. Louis	10.4%	11.9%	-1.5%
Edwardsville	4.6%	4.3%	+0.3%
Granite City	7.6%	8.1%	-0.5%
O'Fallon	4.9%	5.4%	-0.5%
Counties:			
Greene	5.6%	6.0%	-0.4%
Randolph	5.1%	5.3%	-0.2%
Washington	3.8%	3.6%	+0.2%
Other Areas:			
LWA 21	5.6%	5.8%	-0.2%
LWA 22	5.8%	5.7%	+0.1%
LWA 24	5.5%	5.8%	-0.3%
Southwestern Economic Development Region	5.6%	5.8 %	-0.2%

Metro East Highlights

Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 5,200 openings in September and approximately 84 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board. It is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted ad indicates because some industries, such as construction, typically do not advertise job openings.

The September 2016 unemployment rate for the Illinois Section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area was 5.7 percent, a decrease of (-0.1) from the September 2015 rate of 5.8 percent. The data is not seasonally adjusted.

The number of employed individuals increased by 7,596 to 332,491 in September 2016 from 324,895 in September 2015. The labor force increased by 7,634 to 352,674 in September 2016 from 345,040 in September 2015. In September 2016, there were 20,183 unemployed people in the labor force. This is an increase of 38 compared to the September 2015 total unemployed, 20,145.

Over the year, nonfarm payrolls increased by (+1,800). Employment increased in Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (+1,300), Retail Trade (+1,100), Educational and Health Services (+100), Wholesale Trade (+100), Professional and Business Services (+100), Information (+100), and Other Services (+100).

Manufacturing (-500), Mining and Construction (-300), Financial Activities (-200), and Leisure and Hospitality (-100) posted decreases. Government showed no year over year change.

Note:

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.
- LWA— Local Workforce Area 21 is composed of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby Counties.
LWA— Local Workforce Area 22 is composed of Bond and Madison Counties.
LWA— Local Workforce Area 24 is composed of Clinton, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties.

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